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1. As of May 1953 an electrical power distribution plant was in an underground excavation at YD-419210 in P'yongyang¹. This plant employed 65 persons and operated on both day and night shifts. The plant had two transformers, each with a 5,000-kva capacity. In April the plant was receiving 15,400-kw from the Sup'ung hydro-electric plant. Only 6,600-kw, however, were being distributed from the plant. This plant controlled eight transformer sub-stations, six of which were at the following places: Sungho-ri (N 38-59, E 125-58) (YD-5719), Maangjungni (N 39-39, E 125-36) (YD-2392), Anju (N 39-37, E 125-40) (YD-2988), Chaeryong (N 38-24, E 125-37) (YC-2853), Haeju, and North Yonbaek County. Seventy percent of the output of these sub-stations was distributed to factories and government organizations, and the remaining 30 percent was for civilian use.
2. As of April the Haeju City Power Plant² was in a trench-like wooden structure at YC-371111 near Haeju City. The trench was covered with dirt, with the back piled higher than the front to give the appearance of a small mountain slope. Black transformers were attached to two posts south of the trench. The trench had four partitions: the laborers' room, the technicians' room, an office, and the chief's room. Personnel included the chief, 4 clerks, 5 technicians, and 20 laborers. Electricity was supplied day and night, but only to important industries or organizations. In case of a power failure, repairs had to be made within 24 hours. The fee for fixing electric lines was 800 North Korean won. A monthly rate of 110 won was charged for each 60-watt bulb in use.

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